

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Aguilar, Jr. et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2136**  
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Serial No.: **10/670,825** § Examiner: **Shiferaw, Eleni A.**  
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Filed: **September 25, 2003** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS920030704US1**  
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For: **System and Method for**  
**Encrypting Data Using a Plurality of**  
**Processors**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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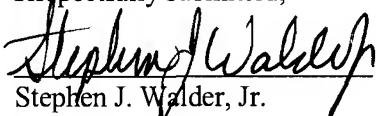
Sir:

ENCLOSED HEREWITH:

- Preliminary Amendment.

A fee of \$150.00 is required for 3 additional claims in excess of 20. No additional fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any additional fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Respectfully submitted,



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